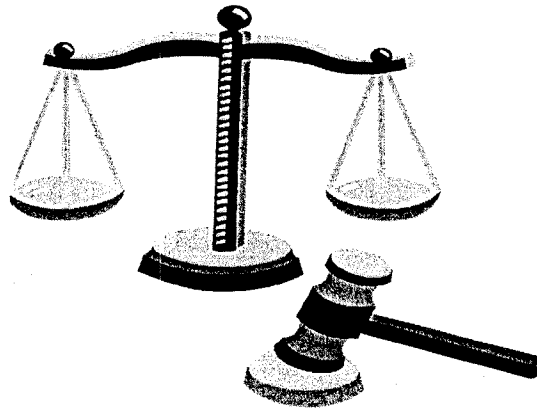


House Tort Reform Committee

Introduction, Objectives, Agenda & Items of Interest



Tuesday, February 7, 2005

INTRODUCTION

- 8 Member Standing Committee

Meeting time: Tuesday, 9:30 a.m.

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 - 2) Sign up for various committee updates, notices, schedule of events via e-mail from my office by contacting Brian Mills on my staff (517) 373-8764, bmills@house.mi.gov
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- Open door policy
- Organization of Public hearings
- Work in bi-partisan effort
- Testimonial commitments

Objectives

1. Understand Michigan's tort reform laws

- Review the History of Tort Reform in MI
- Understand the reforms made in 80s & 90s
- Explain why the reforms were necessary
- Evaluate the impacts of these reforms today

Objectives

2. Assess Michigan's tort climate

- Ensure adequate protections and legal recourses for consumers are available
- Understand the relationship and importance that tort has on Michigan's economy
- Compare Michigan's tort climate to other states
- Determine the necessity as well as the positive and or negative impacts of making changes

Objectives

3. Explore legislative changes

- Deliberate on suggestions for and against reforms
- Research various general tort related issues and determine if changes are warranted
- Discuss items of interest that the committee would like to review in the area of tort reform

Committee Agenda

Tentative Timetable of Events

1st

Educational

**UNDERSTANDING
MICHIGAN'S
TORT REFORMS:**

PRESENTATIONS
SURROUNDING THE
HISTORY OF
TORT REFORM IN
MICHIGAN

2nd

Arguments For & Against

**ASSESSING MICHIGAN'S
TORT CLIMATE:**

GENERAL DISCUSSIONS ON
RECOMMENDATIONS
FOR & AGAINST CHANGES

ISSUES – NON BILL SPECIFIC

3rd

Explore Legislative Changes

**DELIBERATE ON
SUGGESTIONS AND
REFORMS:**

HOLD HEARINGS ON ITEMS
OF INTEREST AND
LEGISLATION

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Asbestos/Mold
FDA Defense
Affidavit of Merit